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SUBJECT: BABIL PIC TO TAKE PLACE IN 2008

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Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

¶1. (C/REL UK AS) In response to security concerns raised by Multi-National Division-Center (MND-C) commander MG Lynch, the Joint Committee to Transfer Security Responsibility (JCTSR) has recommended a postponement in establishing Provincial Iraqi Control (PIC) of Babil Province from December 2007 until June 2008. In particular, MG Lynch cited the continuing relatively high threat assessment for northern Babil province.

¶2. (C/REL UK AS) PIC for Babil at this time would likely reduce MND-C's freedom of action as it places primary responsibility for security in the province in the hands of Iraqi authorities. Given the continued need for Coalition-led operations in the province, particularly in the northern section closest to Baghdad, PIC at this time would not serve Coalition or ISF purposes.
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